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DEADLINE for spring 1901 orders: 23 February 1981

PRESS—

LSD-PLAYERS: All but one of LSD's games have heretofore been bi-national, with players from Texas and from the States. This is the first multi-national game to appear here, with players from Texas, Mexico, the United States, and Aponyia.

TURKEY-RUSSIA: Have we got a deal or don't we? My offer is for a limited time only.

ST.PETE-ANKARA: These insistent demands of yours can damage our relations. I'm spread all over the board. Give me a chance to sort things out.

NOTE: This game was opened because of the overwhelming demand for games here before the last issue went out in the mail. It will be the last to start in LSD until spring brings the end of the phone demonstration game.

Mascot Vote Begins

The time has come for all diplomats to exercise their civic duty by voting for Diplomacy Hobby Mascot. Finally, we can settle the debate that has been raging since Bruce Linsey nominated his dog Trouble last fall.

The campaign material printed in this issue of LSD will be sent to other publishers so that their subscribers can vote. Each person may vote for one candidate. The results will be printed in the April issue of LSD. Vote by postcard only. All ballots must be received here by MARCH 24, 1981.

The response to the call for nominations has been diverse, as expected. But one letter must be given special attention. Rod Walker has claimed that "the hobby's mascot has, since 1974, been my cat, PUSSY GALORE. Very few people seem to be aware of this. Obviously Kathy Byrne is trying to usurp her place, but that's another story."

Rod sent along his "hate sheet", printed below, to reinforce his claim. But LSD thinks PG should be treated as any other candidate. Therefore she has been assigned Place 1 on the ballot. See inside for the other candidates.



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★ ROUNDUP

of Texas & International News

WARCON '81. A Diplomacy tournament will be only part of the activities at Texas A&M on February 20-22 at the Memorial Student Center. Sessions will also be organized for Cosmic Encounter, Ironclad, Kingmaker, Nuclear War, Ogre/GEV, Stellar Conquest, Victory in the Pacific, and Squadleader/Cross of Iron. The latter is a \$100 winner-take-all tournament sponsored by Nick Schuessler, editor of the Journal of WWII Wargaming. Role-playing games will include The Fantasy Trip, Traveller, and of course, Advanced D&D. There will also be a session on miniatures. A number of Austinites are planning to attend, and I hope to meet other LSD readers from farflung regions of Texas. Write Gromets/MSR, Recreation, PO Box 5718, College Station, TX 77844 for information.

BILINGUAL EDUCATION. A recent federal court ruling mandates a 12-year bilingual education program and a better bilingual teacher-training program to ease a severe instructor shortage. But Gov. Bill Clements has vowed to fight the ruling. It would affect some 250,000 Mexican-American students and cost roughly \$100 million a year. It seems to me that \$400 per student is a real bargain, especially when you consider that the state now has a projected budget surplus of \$569 million. We owe all students the best possible education. That means teaching in their own language, as well as instruction in the effective use of English. I would go a step further and make foreign language classes available to English-speaking students in all the grades. Proficiency in more than one language is a valuable asset that all Texans should have the opportunity to obtain, not just a select minority.

drawings looks like Bruce's artwork). But this fake fooled me for about a week until I began to read how someone had done it. Sure enough, I didn't check closely enough the first time. Several people got back at Gary Coughlan for his past fakery. It's widely known that he's starting up a zine any time now, but before his premier, Gary got hit twice with fakes. First came Y'ALL, a quickie that deserves an A for effort. It included a couple of articles that appeared previously, but Y'ALL was clearly inferior to his earlier work. More convincing was the mellow yellow cover on EUROPA EXPRESS. But this one looked like Jane Proskin put it out--it used her typestyle, format, and artwork--even "Martha Cole" looked suspiciously like Jane. And on the last page--well, I would like to ask the real Mona Lisa to stand up! As far as fakes are concerned, 1981 is off to a great start! For more info write to Jane Proskin (address it "Occupant"), PO Box 6824, Burbank, CA 91510; Mark Berch, 492 Naylor Place, Alexandria, VA 22304; Jack Masters, 25711 N. Vista Fairways, Valencia, CA 91355 (publishes BLACK FROG); Ron Brown, 1528 El Sereno Pl., Bakersfield, CA 93304 (publishes MURD'RING MINISTERS); John Caruso, 42-34 Saull St., Flushing, NY 11355; Gary Coughlan, 4614 Martha Cole Lane, Memphis, TN 38118; Bruce Linsey, Bldg. 11, Apt. 21, Leisureville, Watervliet, NY 12189

TO FOLD OR NOT TO FOLD. It is fitting that hobby institutions go out in style. This is the case with three zines which just announced that they will be winding down and/or out during 1981. Tony Watson has been publishing RURITANIA for more than six years! That's an amazing accomplishment to one who doesn't even have six issues behind him. I'm sorry I only got in on some of the last issues. WHY ME? has become a paragon of reliability and stands out as an example to every GM and publisher. Lee Kendter Sr., also the Boardman Number Custodian, will leave a large hole when he winds down his highly respected zine. VOLKERWANDERUNG's publisher Bob Arnett has just announced that it will probably cease publication sometime this year and continue the games in another zine. Bob's going to disappoint his vast (200+) readership, but as he said, it is much better to do it with

honor than just to drop out of sight. On a much, much happier note, Steve McLendon, a fellow Texan, has recently acquired an Apple Computer, which he says will enable him to continue publishing THE DRAGON & THE LAMB, though there may be some format changes. D&L was one of the first zines I subscribed to and played in, so I'm quite happy to hear Steve has decided to continue it. Write to Steve at Box 57066, Webster, TX 77598; Tony Watson at 1481 S. Palm #207, Las Vegas, NV 89104; Lee Kendter at 4347 Benner St., Philadelphia, PA 19135; and Bob Arnett at 1500 Waterway Circle, Chesapeake, VA 23320.

PLUGS. The flood of new zines continues. Soon after the last LSD was in the mail, BORN TO DIP arrived on the doorstep. Send a stamp to Brad Wilson, 302 Friendship Drive, Paoli, PA 19301 for a free sample of his combination dipzine and music appreciation course. The last issue had a list of the 10 Best-selling Diplomacy books of all time. Try it. ARDA#5 is the most recent publication of the North American Variant Banks via Rod Walker, 1273 Crest



MORE FAKES! During the last month no less than five fakes were perpetrated on an innocent hobby, maybe more. It's not always easy to detect them. Most of them came from the strikebound Jack Masters, but now that the strike's over, the number of fakes will surely dwindle. I think he's responsible for PEEK, purportedly an effort by Jane Proskin to prove she's real. My copy had a provocative cover and an equally provocative personal note on the back. It was sealed with a kiss, but Jane must have the tiniest lips in the world. Maybe she knows Ron Brown's friendly gnome "Johnnie". I hope she turns out to be real so I could whisper something sexy to her in Russian. One of the best fakes I've seen targeted Mark Berch's DIPLOMACY DIGEST. Complete with typical typos, it wasn't too hard to figure out the author--his name appeared on almost every page ("...pompous and egotistical yet entertaining..."). The topic of the phony DD? Fakes, of course! I'm not sure who faked WHITESTONIA, usually published by John Caruso and greatly aided by Kathy Byrne. I suspect Gary Coughlan or Bruce Linsey (one of the bloodsucker



Heart O' Texas Orphanage

Victory has a hundred fathers, but defeat is an orphan.

--Count Galeazzo Ciano



79 HS

Armadillo

F/S 1905

PAUSE IN HOSTILITIES DECLARED
AS LEADERS PLAN FUTURE CAMPAIGNS

[Due to several errors and typos, the results of the fall moves are printed below in their corrected form. Two players have requested a separation of seasons, so spring 1906 moves will be due on 23 February 1981.]

AUSTRIA (Eric Ozog): A Vie-Gal [dsf & dsb],
A Bul-RUM, A BUD s A Bul-Rum, A GRE-Bul,
F AEG s A Gre-Bul, F EAS s Turkish A Smy [atm].
ENGLAND (Stephen Lee): F BEL h, F BAR-Nwy,
F SKA s German A Den-Swe, F NTH-Edi.
FRANCE (Larry Boudon): A PIC & A BUR s English
F Bel, A Gas-MAR, F Mar-LYO, F Trh-TUN.
GERMANY (Doug Tatsch): F HEL-Nth, A RUH-Bel,
F HOL s A Ruh-Bel, A MUN h, A DEN s Russian
A Swe.
ITALY (John Koehler): A Tyo-VIE, F TRI h, A VEN
s F Tri, F PIE s French A Bur-Mar [nsa].
RUSSIA (John Daly): F NWY s German F Hel-Nth,
A SWE s F Nwy, F NWG-Edi, A Fin-STP, A GAL
s Italian A Tyo-Vie, F BLA-Bul(ec), F CON s
F Bla-Bul(ec), A ANK s F Con.
TURKEY (Bern Sampson): A SMY-Ank.

Winter:

AUSTRIA: remove F Gre [nsu; GM removes F Eas].
FRANCE: build F BRE.
ITALY: build A NAP.
RUSSIA: build A SEV.

- A Russia-Turkey draw has been proposed. Please vote with your spring orders. NVR = yes.
- To compensate partially for the inconvenience caused by the errors in fall reporting, players will have on issue of LSD credited to their subs.
- PRESS has been retained until next month, due to the potential sensitivity of some of it.
- Since I have not heard from Stephen Lee, I am asking Craig L. Williams; 1264 East Park; Gronts Pass, OR 97526 to standby for England.



DEADLINE for all LSD games:
23 February 1981



79 HT

Bluebonnet

W'05/S'06

FRENCH FACE TURKS AT GIBRALTAR,
TAKE LAST BRITISH CITY UNOPPOSED

[Due to English NRR, GM removes English F Iri; Italy removes A Boh; Russia builds A Mos; Turkey builds A Con.]

ENGLAND (Stephen Lee?): NMR! F NWG h.
FRANCE (Dave Ohlendorf): A PIC h, A Par-GAS,
A SPA h, F Por-MID, F LON h, F Yor-EDI,
F Nao-CLY.
GERMANY (Dick Martin): A SWE & F NTH s English
F Nwg-Nwy [nsa], F DEN s A Swe, A Hol-KIE,
A Bel-RUH, A SIL-War, A LVN-Stp.
ITALY (Tony Auxier): A Tyo-VEN, A Ven-ROM,
F Adr-APU.
RUSSIA (Bob Peacock): F NWY h, A STP s F Nwy,
F Bal-BER, F RUM h, A Bud-GAL, A VIE s
A Bud-Gal, A WAR s A Bud-Gal, A MOS s A War.
TURKEY (Charles Cunningham): F TRI h, F ALB &
A SER s F Tri, A BUL s A Ser, A CON s A Bul,
F Tun-WES, F Ion-NAP, F Gre-ION.

- No standby will be called for England.
- PRESS--

KIE-LSO: Me "static"? Well! I'm just trying to pick up lost ground, that's all.

MARTIN-OLSEN: What is this? No new alliances. You've been slacking off, eh? Too bad you didn't take over for Russia--Gary & Jane tell me you're a real pushover.

LSO-Tony: Welcome to Bluebonnet, and thanks for the kind words!

die peanuts

Von Charles M. Schulz



Computerization Next?

by John Koehler

The computer age has come to the wargame industry. Both Avalon-Hill and SPI are now developing computerized version of the classic hex-map wargames, while another firm is already marketing three all-new games for the TRS-80 and Apple III.

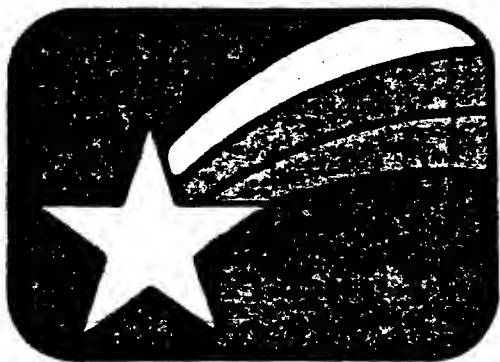
Avalon-Hill's first plan was to develop and market a special wargame machine, but they were unable to find a firm willing to undertake the difficulty of such a design because of the low profit margin involved. A firm in the Midwest has agreed to develop programs for machines already on the mass market.

With an eye toward quality rather than quantity, most of the games will be designed for the Apple III and then converted to other machines. Even though the Apple III has just been introduced and is not available in some parts of the country, its graphics and memory capability are better than any other home/hobby microcomputer on the market.

While computer wargames are logical extensions of such games as Star Trek and Adventure, a computerized version of Diplomacy does not seem to be the next thing to come. A firm in Bethesda, MD is indeed working on a gameboard version (i.e., the computer is not a player) which has its advantages, but this seems a bit extravagant. This version would also act as GM, and would be 100% accurate. With the addition of a good micro-information system, the computer would become a great boon to the over-worked GM or multi-game postal player, but only if he were very wealthy or already had a computer at his disposal.

As for computer participation, yes, the two-player version would not be much of a problem. But it would be very dull for the skilled player. We are simply going to have to live with the fact that today's small computers cannot handle the complexities of diplomatic overtures, alliances, and the like. Then again, only ten years ago there were no home computers at all; computerized chess was still found only deep in the bowels of the major university computers.

The coming years will no doubt see an explosion of wargames in the home computer industry. Along with those games will come a multitude of articles. But if you haven't seen any before, just remember you saw it here first.



STAR of the MONTH: Robby Boyd

It seems that everyone is seeing stars. My son Robby found this one, a decal enclosed in a box of toaster pastries.

The PUZZLER

Enough of mathematical puzzlers! Here's one that deals with words: Names in alphabetical order are not easy to find. "Betty" is a common example. One of the longest that uses actual first and second names is "Abba F. Gillott. Can you find any words of more than four letters that are alphabetized? "Billowy" is one of the longest. Short words, like "Dirt" are easy to find, but longer words are harder. Two free issues of LSD for the person who submits the longest alphabetized word.

Although the solvers denied it, last month's puzzler must have been really difficult, since only two people submitted answers to the pill puzzler, and two tried to find trivia answers.

Randolph Smyth submitted the best questions for the trivia answers--

- 1) Who finally defeated "The Pizza That Ate New York"?
- 2) Which rock album has maintained its position at the bottom of the charts for the past twelve years?
- 3) Which poltergeist-infested ship of the US Navy is credited with the most injuries in a 12-day period? How many were hospitalized?
- 4) What electrical power is required to run a (*) brain? (*Insert your favorite ethnic group.)

Randolph also submitted a correct answer to the pill puzzler, but the best answer came from Bob Donaldson:

The answer to your puzzler is that Ms. Black is the bigger square! She has spent so much time in a math book that she has gone over the straightedge.

She apparently has in mind a system where in the first case one pill is taken from bottle one, two from bottle two, etc. These pills (55) are weighed against 55 pills from any single bottle. If the pills from the same bottle are heavier it is the guilty party, otherwise the selection of pills will be heavier by 10 mg times the bottle number of the heavy bottle. This solution is somewhat pedantic but nevertheless feasible.

The latter case, though, is ridiculous. A solution along the same lines requires powers of 2: 2^0 from the first bottle (1), 2^1 from the second (2), 2^2 from the third (4), etc. These would then be weighed against an equal number of pills taken from a single bottle. OOPS! It would require 1023 pills (out of a bottle of 1000?). Even if the bottles were bigger this is clearly an absurd if not ludicrous solution to a problem which could be solved by weighing only ten pills. Besides, fishing pills out of child-proof containers is harder than operating a scales anyway, and if Ms. Black is so smart why isn't she rich?

Randolph wins one free issue of LSD, while Bob earns himself two. John Koehler also gets two free issues for contributing the article on computer Dippy. And by the way, Dick Martin's answer to the optical illusion, "the one on the right," is close, but no cigar.



80 IZ

Cactus

W 1901

**NEW FLEETS FORESHADOW CONFLICTS
IN CHANNEL, EASTERN SECTOR OF MED**

AUSTRIA (Steve Cartier): Build F TRI; also has A GAL, A SER, & F ALB.
ENGLAND (David Pierce): Build F LON; also has A NWY, F NTH, F MID.
FRANCE (Gregg Fritz): Build F BRE & A PAR; also has A SPA, A BUR, & F POR.
GERMANY (Charles Cunningham): Build A KIE; also has A MUN, A RUH, & F DEN.
ITALY (Jim Lawniczak): Build A ROM; also has A TYO, A VEN, and F TUN.
RUSSIA (Bob Sergeant): Build A MOS & A STP; also has A RUM, A WAR, F SEV, & F SWE.
TURKEY (Bern Sampson): Build F SMY; also has F CON, A BUL, and A ANK.

► **PRESS--**

ANKARA: Sultan Sampson is happy to announce that this year's Annual Turkish Taffy Exposition will be held in the newly annexed province of Austria-Hungary. All neighboring countries are urged to attend.
ST.PETE-BERLIN: My thanks for Sweden. Let me present my thanks more privately. Please write.
BERLIN: The Kaiser today expressed concern for the state of international diplomacy, as aggression and avarice are stated shamelessly in communiques, especially
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81 A

Enchanted Rock

S 1901

**TENSIONS RISE AS MAJOR POWERS
RACE TO OCCUPY NEUTRALS**

AUSTRIA (Fred Winter): F Tri-ALB, A Bud-SER, A Vie-TRI.
ENGLAND (Jim Keith): A Lpl-YOR, F Edi-NWG, F Lon-NTH.
FRANCE (William Owen): F Bre-MID, A Par-BUR, A MAR s A Par-Bur.
GERMANY (Thomas Hancock): F Kie-DEN, A MUN h, A Ber-KIE.
ITALY (Guy Hall): A Vie-TYO, A Rom-APU, F Nap-ION.
RUSSIA (Dan Stafford): F Stp(sc)-BOT, A Mos-SEV, F Sev-RUM, A War-UKR.
TURKEY (Mark Johnson): A Con-BUL, A Smy-ANK, F Ank-CON.

► **COA (effective 14 February):** Fred C. Winter, 400 W. Madison St. #2400, Chicago, IL 60606.

► **PRESS--**

TIRANE, ALBANIA: The Turkish Sultan on a harem-gathering safari in his covered carriage today abducted the niece of King Zog I from the main street of Tirane. When Albanian authorities questioned the sultan's retinue about the crime, the Sultan replied, "Rape is one of my hobbies," and intimated that Albania would soon feel the Sultan's lead fez of oppression.
ROMA: In a dramatic move the president of the newly formed Italian Republic today fired the Italian army and has hired mercenaries. When queried about such a move President Flaubert replied, "Be ready for War," and he issued threats which will not be repeated here.
PARIS: Due to increased international tension the Government announced an extensive program of military maneuvers to increase readiness. All maneuvers are within the borders of France or at sea.



80 KG

Derrick

F 1901

**TYROLIA DEMILITARIZED; BELGIUM
STAYS FREE; TSAR DENIED EXPANSION**

AUSTRIA (Ned Nichols): F Alb-GRE, A VIE-Tri, A SER s Turkish A Bul-Rum.
ENGLAND (Jack Smith): F Nwg-NWY, A YOR-Bel, F NTH c A Yor-Bel.
FRANCE (Bobby Stephens): A PIC-Bel, A Spa-POR, F Mid-SPA(sc).
GERMANY (Al Giddings): F DEN-Swe, A Kie-HOL, A Tyo-MUN.
ITALY (Mark Luedi): A VEN-Tri, A Apu-TUN, F ION c A Apu-Tun.
RUSSIA (David Pierce): A UKR-Rum, F SEV s A Ukr-Rum, A War-GAL, F BOT-Swe.
TURKEY (Mike Henry): F Ank-BLA, A BUL-Rum, A CON-Bul.

► **COA:** Mark Luedi, 256 W. US Hwy 6, Valparaisa, IN 46383.

► **Grey Press, i.e., press datelined from same neutral, unowned province or city (e.g. Algiers, Belgium, Crete) is allowed. But Finland is Russian territory, and so cannot be used as a dateline except by the Russian player.**

► **PRESS--**

REYKJAVIK: Reports have arrived that the people of Finland are rejoicing in the streets over the decision of the Russian Tsar Piersovich to commence the war campaign in the Balkans.

PAR-MUN: Maybe next winter you should get your Christmas trees a little closer to home.

PARIS: The city of Paris is crippled by another strike, the fourth in as many months. Now it is the acrobats. No one is tumbling, and the city has come to a standstill. The strike has spread to include jugglers and ventriloquists, also. Parisians regard these as essential services, and many students have become violent. Two North Africans were caught practicing handstands and their heads were shaved. ¶ In a related story, a 10-year old girl with long brown curls and green eyes hid an explosive device in the Minister of the Interior's chocolate mousse. With the first bite, he passed through the roof of Fouquet's and landed unharmed in Les Halles. Now Les Halles is no more.

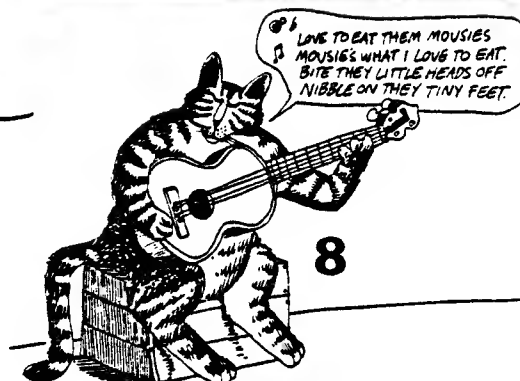
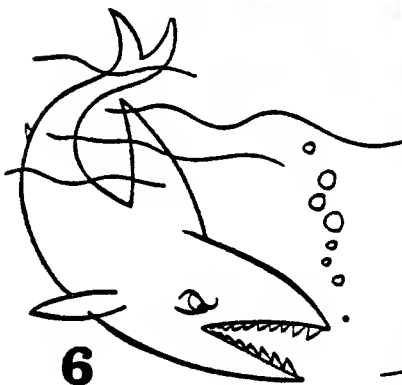
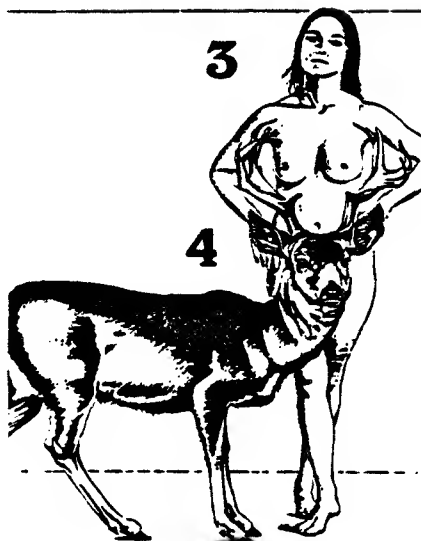
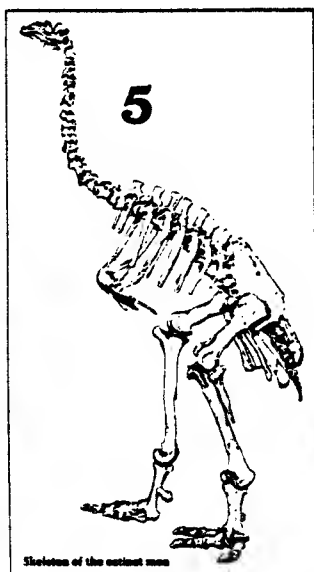
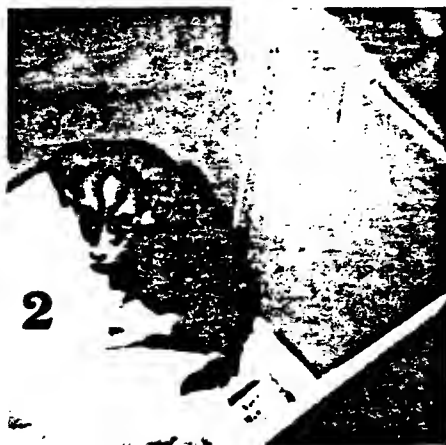
BELGIUM-EUROPE: KEEP OUT!! Belgium is not a highway! French and English intentions appear quite threatening but Belgian morale is high. (Despite the fact that even if we hold out this year, those blood-thirsty Krauts will want to add fuel to the fire in 1902.)

ROMA: The Italian government wishes to thank the Iranians for the release of the 52 American hostages. ¶ In a separate development, Prime Minister Alexander Luigi has confiscated President Loudini's "Rubik's Cube" and sent it postage due to Tehran. With the cube gone, the President should be able to attend to pressing matters of state.

SUPPLY CENTER STATUS for winter 1901 adjustments:

A:	Home, SER, GRE	5/build 2
E:	Home, NWY	4/build 1
F:	Home, POR, SPA	5/build 2
G:	Home, DEN, HOL	5/build 2
I:	Home, TUN	4/build 1
R:	Home	4/even
T:	Home, BUL	4/build 1

DEADLINE for winter adjustments only: 23 FEB 1981.



HOBBY MASCOT CANDIDATES - VOTE!

1. Since Rod Walker claims the position of mascot for his cat PUSSY GALORE, we will give her place 1 on the ballot.

2. "Hi, people. My name is TROUBLE. I'm a little girl doggy; half Collie and half German Shepherd. I'll be a good mascot. I lick dirty feet. If elected I'll bite Bruce every time he says the word "Rulebook". My zine will be called The Bark of Doom (BOD). Please elect me!" (nominated by Bruce Linsey)

3. KATHY BYRNE has been nominated by John Michalski, although he has not submitted a speech on her behalf. Her picture with her own nominee, however, speaks for itself.

4. As reported in Black Frog, Kathy Byrne nominates her pet deer BLOODSUCKER, who always likes to get in the way of the camera.

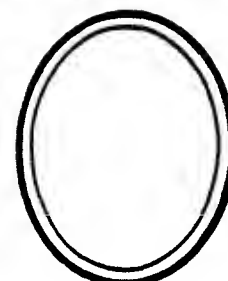
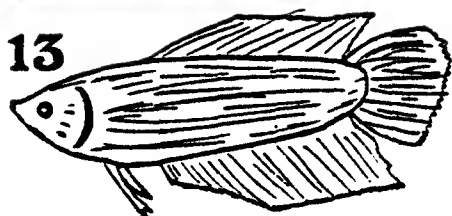
5. Andy Lischett nominates the EXTINCT MOA: "This is BOB, a candidate for Diplomacy Hobby Mascot. Being extinct, Bob has no qualifications, but neither has he anything to hide. If Bob is elected, as his legal guardian my first act will be to request a monthly stipend from the NADF."

6. "Vote for the GREAT WHITE SHARK. A vote you can be proud of. A mascot you will not be ashamed to identify with. Diplomacy players are not alike. Great Whites are not alike. Thus something for all players. These sharks are completely unpredictable, very dangerous, almost indestructible. The best choice! (nominated by Gary Coughlan)

7. Ron Brown supports JOHNNIE THE GNOME: "I feel Johnnie is qualified to represent the hobby because if you believe him, he is solely responsible for every fake zine published. And besides, who has done more for making this hobby fun than 'Johnnie'?"

8. Mike Conner's cat CARUSO should be elected hobby mascot. He keeps Mike's lap warm when he (Mike) types Lone Star Diplomat. A purr-suasive voice and 20 retractile stabbers, coupled with an appetite for mouse players--Caruso's got it all!

9. Robert Sacks nominates the PET ROCK as "truly representative of the hobby. It exemplifies the honesty of Rod Walker, the drive of Ray Heuer, the humanity and sensitivity of Robert Sacks, the impartiality of Mark Berch, and the wit and wisdom of Fred Davis. Vote for the Pet Rock."



HOW TO VOTE:

Write your choice for hobby mascot on the back of a postcard, sign it, and send it to **MASCOT**, 3214 Beverly Road, Austin, TX 78703. Vote only one time. Only postcards will be tabulated. Votes must be received by Wednesday 25 March 1981.

10. 'Jane Proskin' first nominated her pet bear Arnetto, but then sent him to the dogfood-processing plant. Her new nominee is **BLACK JACK**, since "a big monkey...is ultimately suitable for hobby mascot."

11. Jack Masters nominated his dog **BRUCE**, who he says "...has all the charm and grace of the typical Diplomacy player--he bites people."

12. Another nominee from Bruce Linsey: **MASTERS**, a flea on the ear of Jack Master's dog **BRUCE**.

13. Tom Mainardi is another fish-lover: "**KATHY**, my female beta, possesses all the attributes of the Diplomacy player--cunning, ruthlessness, etc. She's pink with red fins. But don't let her soft appearance fool you. She strikes without mercy or warning. She especially likes to eat 10-year-old novices at Dipcons. Vote for Kathy the beta!"

14. According to Francois Guerrier, "**The DIRE-BERCH** is truly a unique specimen; it may only be found in Virginia. Nevertheless, it is the ideal candidate for hobby mascot, as it has the ability to discuss non-essential matters *ad eternum* without ever addressing the actual situation when discussing any subject--the mark of a true diplomat."

15. Mark Larzelere nominates his tree **BIRCH**, a fine upstanding candidate.

16. Jim Benes nominates the **CHAMELEON** "as the official mascot for Diplomacy. It's a natural."

17. From Mike Mills: "Our candidate, the **UNKNOWN DIPPER FROM THE PLANET EO** has played under many guises. He's stabbed many of you more than once. He's wrestling with a gruesome end-game situation at the moment. He's the best candidate to represent the hobby because he's so many people in the hobby."

18. Someone who faked Europa Express nominated a candidate on Gary Coughlan's behalf: a pet civet cat named **LEPANTO**, pictured with Gary's girlfriend, Martha Cole [*indistinctly, unfortunately*].

19. Dave Carter has nominated his pet Canadian Honker **CALHAMER**. Since "Canadians have always been the best postal Diplomacy players," this candidate "would best represent the Canadian spirit."

20. Bruce Schneier says, "My nomination ...is not a live animal, nor is it carbon-based. It has no physical reality whatsoever. I'm talking about the **PLATONIC IDEAL RECTANGULAR CUBE**. Every player spends a ridiculous amount of his lifetime pushing around little rectangular cubes, so wouldn't it make sense to make the mascot the ideal cube?"

21. Finally from Mark Lew: "I think that the hobby should not have a mascot. Things have been going fine for 15 years without one. Such hype will make the hobby worse, if anything. So I propose no mascot at all, and I ask all who support me by refusing to vote." [*Since I cannot tabulate non-votes, those who agree with you can vote for NOBODY for mascot.*]

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Friendship

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PEACE SHATTERED: FRANCE, AUSTRIA
INVADED, RUSSIA THREATENED

AUSTRIA (Art Schleinkofer): A Vie-BUD, A Bud-SER,
F Tri-ALB.
ENGLAND (Bryan Jurkowski): A Lpl-YOR, F Edi-NTH,
F Lon-ENG.
FRANCE (Al Villanueva): F Bre-MID, A Mar-SPA,
A Par-GAS.
GERMANY (George Cunningham): F Kie-HOL, A Ber-
KIE, A Mun-BUR.
ITALY (Paul Goodrich): A Rom-VEN, A Ven-PIE,
F Nap-ION.
RUSSIA (Don Scheifler): F Stp(sc)-BOT, F Sev-RUM,
A Mos-SEV, A War-GAL.
TURKEY (Mike Drews): F Ank-BLA, A Smy-ARM,
A Con-BUL.

► PRESS--

LON-PAR: Really, I am in the Channel only to fish.
I heard the Brest trout were biting.

LONDON TIMES: The Queen of England and the
Kaiser of the German Empire announce their engage-
ment. Rumor has it that they plan on being married
in Paris as soon as possible and wish the Pope himself
to marry them. The Pope was unavailable for comment.
An aide said he was going on vacation to the French
Riviera.

ROM-PAR: No answer, no neutrality.

ROM-VIE: Despite your lack of communication, I did
as I promised. How about a postcard?

LSD: Do I detect a tilt?

► *Far those who have been holding their breath since
last issue, we finally have room to explain why we
chase the names for LSD's newest games:*

ENCHANTED ROCK

Enchanted Rock is the site of a state park be-
tween Fredericksburg and Llano near the heart of
Texas' Hill Country. It is a massive dome-shaped
granite hill that rises more than 400 feet above the
surrounding terrain.

It is said that Indians feared the rock and
believed it sheltered evil spirits. One of the reasons
was that the rock appears to glitter on clear moonlit
nights following a rain--possibly caused by the moon
shining on water trapped in the many indentations on
the rock's surface or reflected from the wetted faces
of feldspar minerals.

Another reason for fears and superstitions is
attributed to strange creaking noises which can be
heard on cool nights following hot days. Geologists
believe these sounds may be caused by the contrac-
tion of the rock's outer surface as it cools from the
heat of the day.

The granite bedrock is part of a large igneous
rock structure called a batholith, and was formed
millions of years ago when molten rock material in-
truded the earth's crust and cooled below the surface.

Through subsequent eons of geologic time, the
overlying rocks and the top of the batholith were
stripped away by erosion exposing the pear-shaped
outline of the intrusion. Differential erosion of the
exposed granite eventually produced the landforms
seen today. A process called exfoliation, caused by
the development of joints or fractures parallel to the
rock surface, produced the smooth, rounded outline
of Enchanted Rock.

In the United States, this massive dome of
granite is second in size only to the famed Stone
Mountain in Georgia.

FRIENDSHIP

Texas derives its name from the Tejas or "friend-
ship" Indians. Thus, it is highly appropriate for the
national motto of Texas to be "Friendship". Taking
southern hospitality a step further, Texans commonly
extend the hand of friendship to newcomers and
visitors. Even the national highways of Texas are
dotted with signs urging motorists to "Drive Friendly".

The name is also appropriate for a Diplomacy
game, since only through friendship can a player
find eventual success.

GULF COAST

The Gulf Coast is one of the major geographical
features of Texas. Extending 367 miles from the
citrus-growing region of the Rio Grande Valley to
the Louisiana border, the "Third Coast" as it has
recently been nicknamed, offers sand, sun, and surf
to its visitors.

Padre Island is the longest in a chain of islands
off the shore of Texas, running 110 miles from
Port Isabel in the south to Galveston. It is four miles
wide at its widest point. This island barrier of
133,918 acres separates the Gulf of Mexico from the
mainland of Texas and is the longest barrier type
reef in the US.

Laguna Madre is the largest body of protected
water on the Texas coast. It lies between Padre
Island and the mainland. It extends from Port Isabel
to Corpus Christi Bay.

One area of the Texas coast, where the Brazos
River empties into the Gulf, is the wild bird capitol of
the US. More than 97% of recorded migratory species
are seen in the Surfside Beach area where two conti-
nental flyways come together. In 1973 the Brazosport
area with its numerous bays and sloughs offering
roosting grounds for migratory birds, registered the
highest national 12-hour bird count ever recorded:
226 species.

The rare Whooping Crane (*Grus americana*)
winters in Texas at the Aransas National Wildlife
Refuge, 54,829 coastal acres some 85 miles north of
Corpus Christi. In 1939 only 14 whoopers were
counted along the coast, but in 1978 the count was
around 75.

100,000 square miles along the Texas-Louisiana
coast is the location of a Geopressured-Geothermal
zone, one of 7 such basins in the US and among 26 in
the world. The basin extend into the Gulf to the
Continental Shelf and inland for 125 miles.

About 60 million years ago this zone was formed
from successive delta deposits that were compacted to
their limit. When the sands could be compressed no
more, fluids around them began to take up the
pressure. Over time the organic material in the
compressed shales was changed to methane.

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from the South and Southwest. Germany has no desire
to war with neighbors, but without exception, missives
from trans-Rhein wine-growing areas (where emphasis
is always on quantity) have been rude, commanding,
and threat-laden. However, a wait-and-see attitude
was adopted. Germany extends friendship to all, but
is wary of belligerents who bargain with brickbats when
other more gentlemanly avenues are available. After a
briefing, the Press Secretary confirmed rumors that
European peace negotiations have been hampered by
difficulty in deciphering the code-like messages coming
from the South. Facsimiles of the strange script, be-
lieved either ancient Magyar or Roman in origin, are
now under study by experts in ancient Visigoth
languages at the Institute in Heidelberg.



LSDemo Phone Game

[Because of the holiday break, we present only one more year in the diplomatic history of the LSDemo.]

GERMAN STRADDLES FENCE; 'FINNISHES' RUSSIAN OCCUPATION OF SWEDEN S'09

AUSTRIA (Robert Garrett): A GAL h, A BOH & A BUD s A Gal, A TYO s A Boh, A Bul-CON, A Gre-BUL, A SER s A Gre-Bul, F Aeg-ION, F NAF-Mid, F WES s F Naf-Mid, A Mar-SPA.
ENGLAND (Doug Tatsch): A Lon-GAS, F MID & F ENG c A Lon-Gas, F BRE s F Mid, F Edi-NWG, A Lpl-EDI, F Bel-NTH, F Hol-HEL, F Den-SWE, F NWY s F Den-Swe.
GERMANY (Mike Blanchard): F STP(sc)-Fin, A KIE s Russian A Ber-Den, A Mun-BER, A BUR h.
RUSSIA (Terry Startzel): A RUM h, F BLA & A UKR s A Rum, A War-MOS, A Sil-WAR, A Ber-DEN, F BAL c A Ber-Den, A Swe s A Ber-Den [dsl, ann], F FIN s A Swe.

PRESS--

LON-WORLD: Movement of British units last fall was dictated by national policy. To fulfill a debt to the Dual Monarchy and to comply with a loose agreement with Austria-Hungary and Germany (whereby the German nation might survive a Russian invasion), it was necessary to break off cooperation with the Tsar. To protect British interests and take advantage of a tactical edge, it was necessary to deceive Russia as to British intentions. That hostilities would result was expected. That Russia would choose the 1-dimensional option of collapsing in the East to throw the contest to the Austria was not. A 9-center Russia surely has more imaginative options than that. The issue is not decided, although the Tsar may very well carry out his suicide threat. Obviously England has gambled, but if you can't take a chance in a game, for Chrissakes...

LON-GERMANY: Shall we get rid of the Russian intruder on German soil?

LON-VIE: Thank you for your restraint and help in Iberia, and the promise has been kept in the north. Shall we discuss what the future holds?

LON-MOS: I would like to remind the Tsar that this is a game, and nothing personal is meant by it. Stabs occur in this game, as do deceptions. I have been the recipient of such in this very game. But I have tried not to lose sight of the fact that it's a game, and that no matter how vicious the stab or how bad the situation, some help or twist can be found to save the day. And if extinction is the fate, then going down with humor and spirit is the ideal. Or so I see it.

MOS-ENGLAND: Beware! I'm digging in!

ENGLAND, AUSTRIA CALL UP RESERVES FOR IBERIAN WAR; RUSSIA SUFFERS NEW LOSS F'09

A: A Tyo-PIE, A Boh-TYO, A GAL h, A BUD s A Gal, A SER-Rum, A BUL s A Con, A CON s A Bul, F Ion-TRH, A SPA-Por, F NAF-Mid, F WES s F Naf-Mid.
E: A Edi-BEL, F NTH c A Edi-Bel, F NWY s F Swe, F SWE & F HEL s German a Kie-Den, F Nwy-NAO, A Gas-MAR, F MID-Por, F ENG-Mid, F BRE s F Eng-Mid.
G: A Kie-DEN, A BER h, F Stp-Fin [dsl, ret to BOT], A Bur-GAS.
R: F BLA & A UKR s A Rum, A RUM s A War-Gal, A WAR-Gal, A Mos-STP, F FIN s A Mos-STP, A Den h [dsl, ann], F BAL s A Den.

RUSSIAN PRESENCE REDUCED IN NORTH; AUSTRIA ADDS FOURTH FLEET W'09

A: Home, Italy, Mar, SPA, Tun, Ser, Bul, Gre, CON [build F Tri] +I = 12
E: Home, Bel, Hol, Por, Spa, MAR, Bre, Den, Nwy, SWE = 10
G: Mun, Kie, BER, DEN, Stp, Par [build A Kie] +1 = 5
R: Mos, War, Sev, STP, Rum, Smy, Ank, Con, Ber, Swe [2 units annihilated] = 7

To the POST OFFICE OF TEXAS:

Dear Mike,

I am an avid LSD fan, but following your LSDemo phone game has got to be one of my major accomplishments so far. I have found no fewer than twenty (20) errors so far, and the game is not over yet.

As a beginning Diplomacy player, I follow as many games as possible to try to pick up some strategy and tactics. If somebody of lesser patience than myself were to try and follow this game they would go bald, because they would have pulled all their hair out by now. I hope you will go back through this game and see what I mean.

Here are the mistakes in chronological order:

W'01 Turkish builds not listed: F Smy & A Con
S'02 Austria: F Tri-ALB should be A Tri-ALB
F BUD should be A BUD
England: F Nwy-SWE should be A Nwy-SWE
S'03 Austria: F ION s A Gre-NAP should be F ION c...
F'03 Turkey: F BLA-Rum should be underlined
F Aeg-BUL(ec) should be F Aeg-BUL(sc)
W'03 Turkey: Removal of F Bul omitted
S'04 Austria: A Rom-TUS omitted
France: F SPA(sc) h should be F SPA(nc) h
F'04 Austria: F ADR s A Ven-Alb should be F ADR c...
A TRH-Tun should be F TRH-Tun
S'05 Austria: F ADR-ION omitted
S'06 Germany: F Ber-BAL omitted
S'07 Austria: A Mar-BUR, F LYO-Spa(sc), and F WES-Mid all omitted
Russia: A Sil-BER, A PRU s A Sil-Ber omitted
F'07 Germany: A Kie h or A Kie s F Hol omitted (it doesn't matter which because A Kie is dsl & ann) [Actually, it's A KIE h, and the F Hol is the one annihilated--LSD]
F'08 Austria: F AEG-Con should be underlined
Russia: A UKR s A War-GAL is printed twice, one of them should read A War-GAL [Actually, A UKR s A War-Gal (no caps) is printed twice, but A WAR-Gal is printed, so just ignore one of the UKR orders.]

As you can see this game could be quite confusing. I respectfully request you print these errors in your next issue of LSD.

Sincerely,
Gregory N. Fritz

[In typing & checking game results, errors inevitably slip through, other publishers have informed me. In postal games, players will catch them, notify me, and I can then inform all the players in the game. The phone game obviously works differently. Players get their results by phone & often don't bother to read the printed report, which is one to four weeks out of date. So people like you have to help set the record straight. Thanks for sharing what you found. I hope you'll continue to help out. As for me I'm trying to hold the mistakes down, since they cost me time and money, and they cost the players inconvenience.]

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Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024. This issue has an update of the NAVB catalog of variants available for sale, plus map and rules for the variant "Barbaria", first published in 1969. #5 costs 35¢, but if you are interested in variants, send a check made out to R.C.Walker for \$2.85 and receive all the available back issues (including the valuable catalog). "Strange systems of page numbering distinguish Roy Henricks' ENVOY. It carries an incredible number (32) of games of Diplomacy and other wargames plus news and other articles, all typed on Roy's famed mini-typewriter. "The last issue of LIFE OF MONTY, published by Don Del Grande, Priestley Hall #208, 2400 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94720, contained houserules (Rules #22-31 are good innovations and I'm considering adopting them myself), hobby news, a trivia contest, and humor of the pythonic variety. "Since THE WHITE DUKE is a brand new zine, it has openings in regular Diplomacy, Origins, Afrika Korps, and WSIM. Send a couple of stamps to Steve Shaddix, 5486 Butano Way, Rocklin, CA 95677 for a sample and houserules. It's a promising group effort with articles on history and gaming. "THE FROBISHER is the product of Nikita Frobish and is usually a subzine of PLAGUE TIMES, but published separately on New Year's Day because Marion took a holiday vacation from publishing. It's the best part of PT, so write to Marion Bates for a sample of both: PO Box 381, Kalkaska, MI 49646.

AUSTIN DIPLOMATIC CORPS. Guy Hail, a player in LSD's Enchanted Rock game, has begun publishing a free weekly zine by that name. It's designed to tie together and promote the play of multiplayer board games, including Diplomacy, Third Reich, Junta, Empires of the Middle Ages, Machiavelli, Godsfire, A Mighty Fortress, etc. FTF games are held every other week, and ADC will sponsor and report on phone games in its pages. ADC will also carry items

on Diplomacy and other games (issue #1 has an article on the Italian Opening), lists of when and where gamers want to hold games, game records, etc. Guy can be reached at 479-8642 here in Austin.

VACATIONS. Doug Beyerlein suggested in VOICE OF DOOM #30 (Bruce Linsey's zine) that publishers and players deserve a vacation from this demanding hobby, and suggests the month of August. Considering mail delays around Christmas, I think the holidays would be a better time. In practice, though, I don't believe general agreement could be reached, but if even a few zines decided to skip a month here or there, it would give a little relief to those involved. Most publishers give an extra week or two for negotiations during the Christmas glut, effectively giving everyone a vacation. If you have comments, send them to Bruce, address given elsewhere in this issue.

NMR INSURANCE. I will try to call the following players collect on deadline day: if their orders did not arrive in the mail: Boudon, C. Cunningham, G. Cunningham, Daly, Fritz, Giddings, Hail, Hamlin, Henry, Keith, Koehler, Lee, Luedi, Mayes, Peacock, Pierce, Sampson, Scheffler, Schleinkofer, Sergeant, Stephens, and Tatsch.

STANDBY LIST. Donaldson, Fritz, Fuß, Guajardo, Hancock, Hartman, Henry, Jewett, Kador, Keith, Larzelere, McLendon, McPherrin, Mills, Nichols, Olsen, Pierce, Ridenour, Sampson, Schleinkofer, Stafford, Stephens, J. Williams, C. Williams, Woodson.

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Thanks, Algeria!



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Awards: A sole winner receives 5 free issues of LSD; each victor in a 2-way draw gets 2 free issues; for lesser levels of victory, each player in the draw gets congratulated.

Contributions: All sorts are encouraged. LSD will give sub credit for material printed.

Alan B. Calhamer invented DIPLOMACY, which first appeared commercially in 1959 in essentially its present form. The Avalon Hill Game Company now owns the copyright and publishes the game.

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